



Agenda Item No. _____

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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administrative Services, Police Department

SUBJECT: Animal Control Shelter Services Agreement With The County
Of Santa Barbara

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute an agreement with the County of Santa Barbara in the amount of \$288,121 to provide animal control shelter services from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

DISCUSSION:

Since March 1980, the City has contracted with the County of Santa Barbara for Animal Control shelter services at the County facility located at 5473 Overpass Road in Goleta. At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2008, the County changed from a pay-for-service basis to a cost per capita basis, significantly increasing costs for all incorporated cities in the County. Currently the City of Santa Barbara and City of Carpinteria pay for shelter services only. All other incorporated cities in the County pay for full service animal control on a per capita cost basis.

The Santa Barbara Police Department currently pays Santa Barbara County approximately \$274,401 per year for shelter services. The new proposed per capita fees for services rendered between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 will be \$288,121, billed in four equal quarterly payments of \$72,030. Invoices will also include a fee of \$182 for each rabies specimen submitted during the quarter.

The current agreement with Santa Barbara County will expire on June 30, 2012. Based on the analysis completed by staff, this agreement and the new fee structure are appropriate and consistent with charges for animal control services in neighboring counties.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The Police Department included \$279,844 for these services in the Fiscal Year 2013 adopted budget, assuming a 2% increase. The County of Santa Barbara raised the rates by 5%. The additional increase of \$8,277 will be absorbed by decreased spending in other animal control related accounts.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office